

**Before the State of South Carolina
Department of Insurance**

In the matter of:

Jerome Davis, dba May Bonding,
166 Carton Circle
Eutawville, South Carolina 29048.

File Number 2003-119237

**Default Order Revoking
Bail Bondsman's License**

This matter comes before me pursuant to a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing served, as required within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-170 (2002), by the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance upon Jerome Davis, by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail on September 22, 2003.

That letter informed Jerome Davis of his right to request a public hearing upon the allegations of impropriety contained within the letter against him. The letter further warned that his failure to make a timely, written request would result in my summary revocation of his license to do business as a surety bail bondsman within the State of South Carolina. Despite that warning, Jerome Davis has failed to respond to the Department's letters. On October 27, 2003, therefore, counsel for the Department filed an Affidavit of Default, and the entire matter was submitted directly to me for my summary decision based solely on the record.

The letter alleged, and I now find as fact, that while licensed to do business as a resident surety bail bondsman within the State of South Carolina for Georgia-Carolina Bonding Company, Jerome Davis failed to turn-over or satisfactorily account for at least \$16,147.00 in insurance premiums collected from executed bonds on citizens of this State. Moreover, Mr. Davis also allegedly refused to return unused powers of attorney to Mr. Ed Wilson, of same Insurer.

Section 38-43-130 of the South Carolina Code provides the Director or his designee "may revoke or suspend a surety bail bondsman's license after ten day's notice...when it appears that a surety bail bondsman...has violated this title or any regulation promulgated by the department, or has willfully deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State." This Code Section goes on within Subsection (4) to describe "deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State" specifically to include, "improperly withholding, misappropriating, or converting any monies or properties received in the course of doing insurance business."

In accordance with my findings of fact, and considering Jerome Davis' failure to avail himself of his opportunity to be heard, I now conclude, as a matter of law, that Jerome Davis violated S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130 (Supp. 2002) and that his surety bail bondsman's license should be revoked.

This administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's, *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq.* (1991 and Supp. 2002). Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit or to deprive any person of any private right of action under the law. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit, in any manner, the criminal jurisdiction of any law enforcement or judicial officer. Nothing contained within this administrative disciplinary order should be construed to limit the statutory duty, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 38-3-110(3) (2002), of the Director of Insurance, exercised either directly or through the Department of Insurance, to "report to the Attorney General or other appropriate law enforcement officials criminal violations of the law relative to the business of insurance or the provisions of this title which he considers necessary to report."

It is, therefore, ordered that the license of Jerome Davis/ May Bonding Corporation to do business as a surety bail bondsman within the State of South Carolina be, and is hereby, revoked, and that no license issued through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance is to be issued to him.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order shall be transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its current member states and to each insurer for which Jerome Davis is currently licensed, through the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance, as a resident insurance producer within the State of South Carolina.

This order becomes effective as of the date of my signature below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.N. Csiszar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ernst N. Csiszar
Director

30 October 2003, at
Columbia, South Carolina

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Affidavit of Default


Personally appeared before me T. Douglas Concannon, who, being duly sworn, stated that at all times relevant to this Affidavit of Default he was the attorney representing the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance (the Department) in this administrative action. He further stated the following:

The Department served notice on Jerome Davis at the address detailed above by a Letter of Allegation and Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing that the Department would request the Director of Insurance to summarily revoke his license to act as a surety bail bondsman agent within the State of South Carolina in thirty days. The Department served the Notice, pursuant to § 38-3-170 of the South Carolina Code, by "depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last known address of the person and registered with the return receipt requested." The Notice further informed Jerome Davis of his opportunity, within thirty days, to request in writing a public hearing.

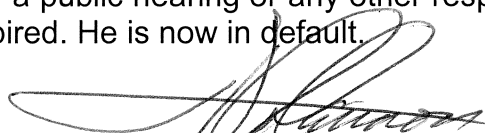
The Department mailed the Notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail, on or about September 22, 2003. The United States Postal Service notified Jerome Davis of the certified letter on September 24, 2003. See "Exhibit A" attached. The United States Post Office at Eutawville, S.C., then returned the proof of receipt 'green card', signed by one William Davis to the Department. The Notice sent via regular mail was not returned.

Jerome Davis has made no request for a public hearing or any other response to the Notice. The time in which to do so has expired. He is now in default.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 30 day of October, 2003.


Steven R. DuBois

Notary Public for the State of South Carolina- My Commission Expires: May 10, 2009


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